

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION
OFFICE OF RESEARCH, PLANNING & PERFORMANCE
MARCH 16, 2021**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

ANNUAL CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

DISCUSSION

In March 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. 2017-0012](#), Comprehensive Response to Climate Change (Resolution). The overarching theme of the Resolution is to generate near-term action by the regional water boards and the Water Board's divisions and offices, manifesting in changes to policies, permits, and plans that support the state's key climate priorities as identified in the AB 32 Scoping Plan, the Safeguarding California Plan, and the Water Resilience Portfolio. The Resolution builds on previous and ongoing work to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and to prepare for and adapt to climate change impacts. The Resolution gives direction to regulatory divisions (Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights), along with direction for financial assistance, data analysis, training, and program support.

This informational item will cover highlights of climate-related actions conducted over the past year and priorities for the coming year as they relate to the Water Board 2021 Strategic Work Plan and racial equity goals.

POLICY ISSUE

None. Informational Item Only.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Informational Item Only.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None. Informational Item Only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. Informational Item Only.